Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—He is also absent.

The Bill was taken as withdrawn in the absence of the Member.

President.—Is it the same thing or a different thing?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The same thing, Sir.

Mr. T A. Ramachandra Ayyar's Cochin Cow Protection Bill.

President.—Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar will move for leave to introduce his Cochin Cow Protection Bill.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sir, I beg to move for the leave of the Council to introduce the Cochin Cow Protection Bill.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I second it.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

Amendments to Standing Orders.

President.—Mr. Kochunni Menon will move his amendments to Standing Orders.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—I beg to move that Standing Order 31 (4) be amended by omitting "such" and substituting "not more than seven" between the words "composed of" and "Members". The object is simply to restrict the number of Select Committee members. Sometimes a large number of members are appointed for the Select Committee. In a small Council like this a smaller Committee will do. In important cases more members may be appointed to co-operate with these members.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Twenty should rise before the vote is taken.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—That we have made 15.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—But it has not come into force. Twenty should rise up. I believe the sanction of His Highness has also to be obtained.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Under S. O. 65, twenty members should rise to see whether the mover has got the leave of the House.

President.—What is it that ought to be done?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Before leave is granted, there must be more than 20 members to rise, to see whether he has the leave of the House to introduce the amendment.

President.—I must first ask whether there is objection; only when some member says there is objection, I should go to the next step. There must be first objection. Then only I can proceed. Now, I ask whether there is objection.

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Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—Sir, I rise to oppose the motion.

The question whether the mover has the leave of the House to introduce the amendment was lost, as 20 members did not rise in their seats to support it.

President.—The next amendment is to S. O. 66.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—I beg to move for leave to amend S. O. 66. The amendment proposed is that the word " may " be substituted for " shall " between the words " amendments " and " be referred to ", and after the words " shall be members " add " or considered and disposed of then and there ", and also to omit the word " six " between the words " shall be " and " in number " and to substitute the words " not more than three " in its place in Standing Order No. 66.

The object of the amendment is simply this. As this S. O. now stands, even if the amendment proposed is the correction or alteration of a single letter or a figure, there must be a Select Committee composed of ten members. Now, I have reduced it to seven. I also want to avoid the necessity of appointing Select Committees in cases where there is no necessity for it at all. So, discretion is given to the Council to appoint a Select Committee or not as in the case of Bills and to restrict the number of members to be not more than seven.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—If the number be reduced by three, the Government will have a majority. There will be the Deputy President, the Government Advocate and the Secretary to the Council, and so for that reduction of the number there is some objection. It is not necessary to refer to the Select Committee in all cases.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—This matter goes to the Select Committee, and you can make the number 7 or 8. This will not be passed to-day. It will come before the House again.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Then, I have no objection.

President.—Any other objection?

Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—I oppose it.

The question whether the mover has the leave of the House to introduce the amendment was declared in the negative, as 20 members did not rise in their places in support of the motion.

President.—Then there are amendments standing in the name of Mr. S. F. Nunez.

He is absent.

The following amendments to Standing Orders, tabled by Mr. S. F. Nunez, were considered withdrawn, the Member being absent when called upon to move the same :—

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(i) *To substitute '3 p. m.' for '3-30 p. m.' in Standing Order No. 14 (i).*

(ii) *To add the following words after the 'Standing Order No. 6 (2):—'for every meeting.'*

(iii) *To substitute the word 'President' for the word 'Diwan' wherever the latter occurs in Standing Order No. 6 (1).*

(iv) *Add the following Standing Order after Standing Order No. 53 and number it as 54 (a) and re-number Standing Order No. 54 as 54 (b):—" When the President resolves to disallow a resolution, he shall, prior to such disallowance, call upon the Member giving notice of the resolution to show cause why the resolution should not be disallowed."*

President.—Any more motions ?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—No, Sir.

The President's concluding speech.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the House, the last item in the statement of business of this day, which brings the legislative session of 1102 to a close, is the concluding remarks of the President, and I shall be very brief in the remarks that I am going to offer.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Before your concluding speech, I have to say a few words about resolutions, if you will allow it.

President.—You can speak after I have finished.

This session has been eventful in more ways than one, but I refer only to one of those events, and that is the formation of the Progressive Party by certain non-official Members of this Council. The idea was conceived and carried out at the last meeting, and it has been functioning on the occasion of this meeting. I welcome such a party, and I am glad of the assurance held out by the Leader of the Party that it is not a party in opposition, but that it is a party for the progressive administration of the State. (*Hear, hear.*)

Well, now and then, there were remarks made that this was a party of opposition. Then their Leader, Dr. Govinda Menon, made the correction by saying that it was not intended to be a party of opposition, but a party for progress. In that view of the matter, we are not in disagreement with the Progressive Party, and the Government can as well associate itself with the Progressive Party, for the Government is also equally for progress and not for stagnation an retrogression. And in that view of the matter also, the so-called "Independents"—I heard that expression only this afternoon—can also associate with the Progressive Party. So it virtually comes to this, that there will be no party at all. Well, I do not want to say that. But there is one effect contributed by the formation of this Party, and that accounts for the getting through of a large amount of business

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